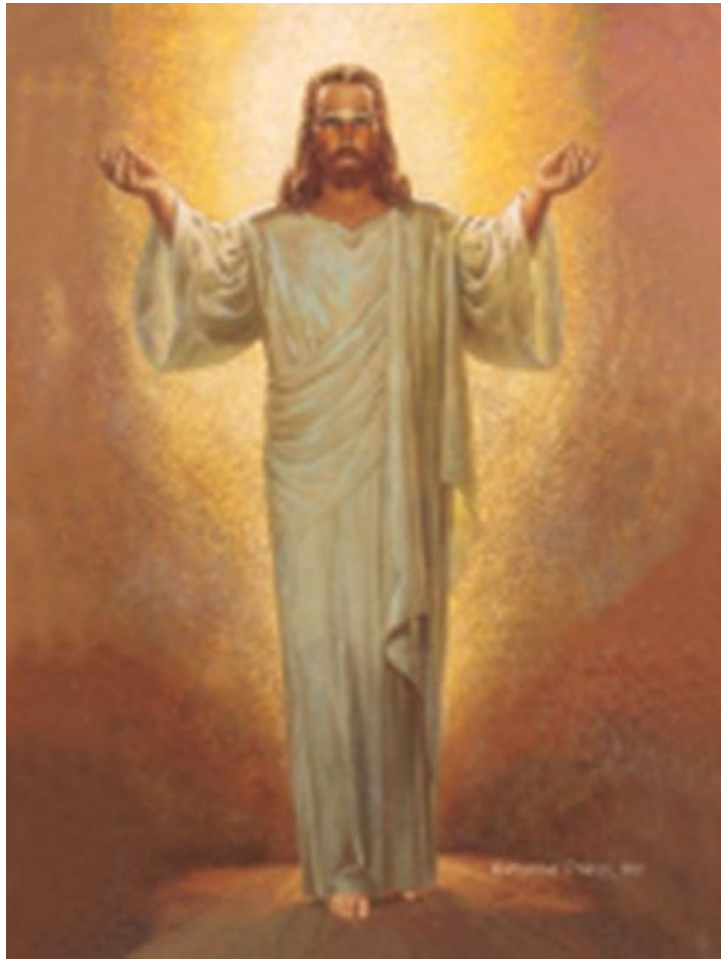
God Bless Us All



Each and Everyone

astors of the Sanders (Liberty Station) Baptist Church

Peyton Stephens	?
Brother Riley	?
H.C. Smith	1900-1902
?	1902-1903
(While Church Was Rebuilt)	
J. Frank Jones	1903-1905
HJ.H. Poteet	1906-1908
E.E. Burdict	1908
L.H. Parker	1909-1910
T.C. Crume	1910-1912
Brother Wallace	1913-1916
D.H. Howerton	1916-1918
Brother Henderson	1919-1920
Will Hayden	1920-1922
J.D. Mattherson	1922-1924
E.F. Hood	1924-1926
Thomas C. Meador	1926-1927
F.E. Walker	1927-1929
O. Afton Linger	1929-1932
Alfred Schwab	1932-1933
L.O. Griffith	1934-1935
Oscar A. Davis	1936-1938
Alvil L. McKnight	1938-1939
Loren S. Goings	1940-1941

J.W. Holland	1941-1943
Campbell Jeffries	1943-1946
Austin Staples	1946-1949
Bill Oldham	1949-1951
Dan Bryson	1951-1954
Brother Stoner	1954-1955
Bernard Deakens	1955-1956
Ashley P. Cox	1956-1959
W.E. Boyd	1959-1961
Dave Gardner	1961-1963
Jerry Mize	1963-1964
Ggeorge Staggs	1964-1967
John Mitchell	1967-1968
James L. Palmer	1968-1971
R. Scott Good	1971-1974
Bruce Marston	1974-1977
James Pickens	1977-1978
Robert E. Walker	1978-1979
Gregory L. Hunt	1979-1982
Ray Chandler	1982-1983
W. Michael Henegar	1948-1986
Don P. Walker	1986-1989
J. Michael Raley	1989-

History of the Sanders (Liberty Station) Baptist Church

The Sanders Baptist Church was organized by a committee from the New Liberty Church at a meeting at the Sanders schoolhouse on August 16, 1874. It was known as the Liberty Station Baptist Church as that was the name the town went by then. It was later changed to Sanders to honor George Washington Sanders. Land for the church building was donated by Solomon McDanell. The original church building was struck by lightning on May 23, 1902 at 2:30 a.m. and was completely destroyed by fire, but the furniture was saved. The present building was built in 1903 and dedicated on October 11 of that year. The plans were drawn by one of our residents, Dr. R. N. Williams, who was also the first member.

For several years this church held half-time services with Worthville Baptist Church in 1921 and 1922, with Rev. W. E. Hayden; and with New Liberty Church, with pastors Rev. Wallace, Rev. Howerton, and Rev. Henderson. Henderson was principal of the Sanders School.

In 1922 the church went to full time with Rev. J. D. Matherson as pastor. The Ladies Aid Missionary Society was converted to Woman's Missionary Society in 1922 under the leadership of Mrs. J. D. Matherson. Five Sunday School rooms were added in 1924 and in August, 1962, a new $15,000 addition was built with dining room, kitchen, 3 bath rooms and parsonage upstairs. It was completed by the Adams Construction Company of Carrollton in November, 1962 at a cost of $15,000. An outdoor basketball court was built under the leadership of R. Scott Good (1971-1974). During these years the driveway was blacktopped and a centennial celebration was held 23-24JUN1974. In 1983 a sound system was installed under the pastorate of Rev. Ray Chandler.

The church for many years has been served by student pastors from the Louisville Theological Seminary, and now many of our ex-pastors are scattered about this land as pastors and chaplains, having served in the church here, in a most worthy way.